



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING

BUILDING DIVISION

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FORM 4532

**SWIMMING POOLS
– NOTICE TO
PROPERTY OWNER**

Our records indicate a building permit has been issued for the installation of a swimming pool and/or spa at your residence. We are taking this opportunity to inform you of the requirements of Chula Vista Municipal Code Section 15.48 (Pool Security Ordinance) regarding the fencing required around pools and spas.

The Municipal Code requires that the pool be secured by appropriate fencing prior to placing any water in the pool or spa.

The specific requirements for the pool enclosure are identified below:

All new pools and spas must have one of the following child features when the house or garage forms part of the pool enclosure and has door openings that lead into the pool yard area:

- The pool area must be isolated from the home by additional yard fencing; or
- The pool must be equipped with an approved safety cover; or
- The residence must have exit alarms on doors leading from the house directly to the pool yard area; or
- All doors leading to the pool yard area must have self-enclosing, self-latching door hardware with latches at 54" above the floor

Additional fencing requirements are provided on the reverse side of this sheet.

The Planning and Building Department will require applicants for pool permits to declare on the plans which of the above methods will be used to comply. These requirements shall be in place, or suitable evidence of its intended placement, prior to plastering the pool or filling a spa with water. If you have questions about these requirements, please call Greg Bottorff (619)691-5272 ext. 3098 or Steve Stingl (619)691-5272 ext. 3081.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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ADDITIONAL FENCING REQUIREMENTS:

- Every swimming pool, other than public swimming pools, shall be enclosed by an enclosure having a minimum height of five feet (60 inches). The enclosure shall obstruct access thereto by persons other than the occupant of the premises on which the pool is located
- Openings, gaps, or voids in the enclosure shall not allow the passage of a sphere equal to or greater than four (4) inches
- The maximum vertical clearance from grade to the bottom of the enclosure shall not exceed two (2) inches. The vertical clearance from grade to the bottom of the enclosure may be four (4) inches when the grade under the enclosure is solid concrete
- The outside surface of the enclosure shall be free of protrusions, cavities, or other physical characteristics that would serve as handholds or footholds that could enable a child below the age of five (5) years to climb over
- Chain link fencing shall be a minimum of 11 gauge